Ration Shops in Uttar Pradesh

3907. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the district-wise number of ration shops in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what is the population-year base determining the number of those shops; and

(c) what efforts have been made by Government to increase the number of ration shops in this State on the basis of population of 1991 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The information in being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Industrially backward districts in M.P.

3908. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of industrially under-developed districts in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government have any plan under its consideration for setting up industries in those under-development districts, and if so, what are the details thereof and by when they are likely to be sanctioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) The names of centrally declared backward districts in Madhya Pradesh are : Balaghat, Bastar, Betul, Bilaspur, Bhind, Chhatarpur, Chindwara, Damoh, Datia, Dhar, Dewas, Guna, Hoshangabad, Jhabua, Khargone, Mandla, Mandsaur, Morena, Narasimhapur, Panna, Raigarh, Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Rajgarh, Raisen, Ratlam, Rewa, Sagar, Seoni, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Surguja, Tikamgarh, Vidisha, New Sehore.

(b) Industrialisation of a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However under the New Growth Centre Scheme, Government sanctioned 6 Growth Centres to Madhya Pradesh and of these, 5 Growth Centres will be set up in the backward districts of Guna, Bhind, Dhar, Raisen, and Raipur. These Growth Centres would be set up during the VIII Plan. and would be provided with basic infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunication etc. so as to attract industries to these centres.

Effect of abolition of licensing system on Industry

3909. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI : KUMARI ALIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether small and big industries are likely to be affected as a result of abolition of licensing system in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. On the contrary, the new Industrial Policy will help the dynamic, small and medium Entrepreneurs who have been un-necessarily hampered by the licensing system. Abolition of licensing system will also accelerate the rate of economic growth, speed up industrialisation and will also help maintain productivity and competitiveness of the Indian Industry ?

NRI investment in Heavy Industry

3910. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI : KUMARI ALIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to allow the NRIs to invest in heavy industries; in India;

(b) if so, the number of non-Resident Indians so far permitted to start such Industries; and

(c) the details of the scheme, if any, drawn up in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) to (c) Government of India in Ministry of Finance have decided to permit Non-Resident Indians and Overseas Corporate Bodies predominantly owned by them to invest upto 100% of the equity in high priority industries and other industries, subject to the conditions laid down vide Press Note dated 28th October, 1991.

Since the setting up of the Special Approvals Committee (RNI) in November, 1983, 1144 approvals have been granted under the NRI scheme.